Asian Nations (ASEAN) have agreed to create a joint fund for development of Science and Technology in the region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that during Indo-ASEAN Technology summit, decided to establish an Indo-Asean Institute for Intellectual Property to help and build human resoruce capacities and training; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) At the 12th Technology Summit & Technology Platform 2006 organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CM) in association with the Department of Science and Technology, with ASEAN as the Partner, held in New Delhi on 6-7 November, 2006, as a part of the Co-Chairman's Statement on India-ASEAN Science and Technology Cooperation, a proposal was made for creation of a common India-ASEAN S&T Development Fund to consider undertaking collaborative R&D and Technology Development in areas of common interest including biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, agriculture for food security and advance materials.

(c) and (d) Also, as a part of the Co-Chairman's Statement, a proposal for the establishment of an India-ASEAN Institute for intellectual property for building human resource capacities and training to serve the ASEAN region was also made.

Fellowship schemes for women scientists

2061. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have instituted fellowship schemes for women scientists under which 200 fellowships are awarded every year to outstanding scientists in basic and applied sciences and application of technology for rural development; and

(b) if so, the details there of *inter alia* indicating the involvement of women scientists of Orissa in this proejct?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) The Government have instituted a fellowship scheme for women scientists in the year 2003. During the period 2003—2006, a total of 547 women scientists have been awarded the Fellowship for research in Basic and Applied Sciences and Science and Technology application in rural areas (WOS-A, WOS-B). Ten women scientists from Orissa have been supported so far; year-wise details are given below:

Scheme	Fellowships awarded to women scientists in Orissa			
	2003	2004	2005	2006
Fellowship Scheme for Women Scientists in Basic and Applied Sciences and S&T Application in Rural Areas (WOS-A, WOS-B)	03	02	02	03

Publication of Journals

2062. SHRI P. R. RAJAN. Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Institute of Science Communication and Information Resources, a constituent establishment of CSIR, is publishing journals *viz.* "Indian Journal of Traditional Knowledge" and "Medicinal and Aromatic Plant Abstracts";

(b) if so, whether the above journals are included in Patent Cooperation Treaty's "minimum documentation";

(c) if so, whether authorities are aware that the official web-site of World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) states that the above two journals are published by a private publisher *viz.* "Scientific Publishers, Jodhpur, Rajasthan";

(d) if so, whether detailed inquiry will be initiated for pirating and other violations of rules; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.